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To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3103

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
2 STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR THE SUPPORT AND
3 MAINTENANCE OF FINANCIAL AID SCHOLARSHIP, LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAMS
4 AND THE MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID, FOR FISCAL
5 YEAR 2002.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
8 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
9 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees
10 of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the support and
11 maintenance of financial aid scholarship, loan and grant programs
12 authorized by law and administered by the Mississippi Office of
13 Student Financial Aid and for support of the Mississippi Office of
14 Student Financial Aid, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001,
15 and ending June 30, 2002..... \$ 27,849,543.00.

16 SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
17 necessary, is hereby authorized out of the proceeds derived from
18 any federal funds, grants, donations, fees, or other special
19 source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available
20 for the support and maintenance of financial aid scholarship, loan
21 and grant programs authorized by law and administered by the
22 Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid and for support of the
23 Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid, the Southern Regional
24 Education Board under the Southern Regional Education Program; (3)
25 the Post-Secondary Education Assistance Fund, for the purpose of
26 providing loans to students; (4) for the Public Management
27 Graduate Intern Program; (5) for the support and maintenance of
28 the Critical Teacher Shortage Scholarship Program; and (6) for the

29 support and maintenance of the Department of Student Financial
30 Aid, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending
31 June 30, 2002..... \$ 8,875,675.00.

32 SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
33 necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of carryover
34 funds in State Treasury Fund 325E, pursuant to Section 37-106-33,
35 Mississippi Code of 1972, for the support and maintenance of the
36 Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance Grant Program and the
37 Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant Program, for the fiscal year
38 beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002.....
39 \$ 495,486.00.

40 SECTION 4. Any transfers or escalations shall be made in
41 accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established
42 by law.

43 Provided, however, that none of the funds apportioned in this
44 act for the Out-of-State Educational Program shall be paid to or
45 for the benefit of any student who enters a school outside the
46 State of Mississippi for the first time, subsequent to July 1,
47 1982, in any discipline in the fields of medicine or dentistry.

48 SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that of
49 the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the
50 Board of Trustees of the State Institutions of Higher Learning
51 shall expend from the support of the out-of-state graduate and
52 professional studies program an amount not exceeding the funding
53 necessary, contingent upon the availability of qualified
54 applicants, for ten (10) new entering optometry students and the
55 number of returning optometry students who received funding under
56 the program during the preceding school year; for ten (10) new
57 entering chiropractic students, with not more than twenty-five
58 (25) chiropractic students overall; and seven (7) new entering
59 osteopathic medical students and the number of returning
60 osteopathic medical students who received funding under the

61 program during the preceding school year, for these courses of
62 study.

63 SECTION 6. In the allocation of funds appropriated under the
64 provisions of Sections 1, 2 and 3 among the student financial aid
65 programs included herein, it is the intention of the Legislature
66 that priority shall be given and funds shall be first allocated to
67 all students eligible for financial aid under the provisions of
68 Sections 37-107-1 through 37-107-7 and Sections 37-108-1 through
69 37-108-5, Mississippi Code of 1972.

70 SECTION 7. All funds provided for in this act shall be
71 accounted for in a detailed statement showing when, to whom, and
72 for what purpose applied, and this statement shall be submitted at
73 the next regular session of the Legislature within ten (10) days
74 after the convening thereof. A report of loans made and receipt
75 of repayment of loans to the fund shall be reported. The amount
76 of repayment that is in arrears shall also be included. Such
77 report shall include the number of students at each institution
78 receiving financial assistance and the amount of such assistance,
79 and an estimate of the financial requirement of the various loan
80 programs for the next year. No public or private institution of
81 higher learning receiving funds under the respective provisions of
82 this act, for the purpose of issuing scholarship grants or loans,
83 shall issue any official transcripts for any persons who have any
84 amount of repayment in arrears on that date such official
85 transcript is requested.

86 Furthermore, all funds received and expended shall be
87 reported and otherwise accounted for in accordance with the
88 provisions of Section 37-143-21, Mississippi Code of 1972.

89 SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the
90 agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2003 shall be submitted to
91 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
92 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
93 during the Fiscal Year 2002 budget request process.

94 SECTION 9. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and
95 paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be
96 in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of
97 Mississippi and Section 25-4-103, Mississippi Code of 1972.

98 SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
99 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
100 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
101 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal
102 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
103 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

104 SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from
105 and after July 1, 2001.